

REMARKS

I. – II. Interview Summary

Applicants appreciate the courtesy Examiner O'Connor and Examiner Woods extended to Applicant's representative. During the interview, Application priority was discussed.

III. – XXV. 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claims 200, 223 – 239, and 261 stand rejected under Tobey (U.S. Patent 6,714,894) in view of Burge (U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0111725). Application claims 200, 223 – 232, and 234 – 239 and 261 are fully supported by the priority claim and have an effective filing date before the Tobey and Burge references. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's recognition that Burge cites to Applicants' priority at paragraphs 43 – 47.

At minimum, support for independent claims 200, 223, 224, 225, and 261 may be found in Applicants' priority document, U.S. 6,868,386, at col. 1, 24 - 34; col. 4, 22 – 40 and 53 – 58, col. 5, 27 – 52, col. 7, 44 – 53 and 66 – col. 8, 6; col. 10, 53 – 58; col. 12, 15 - 23 col. 13, 36 – 45, and Figures 2, 3, 5, and 6. Since the cited references are not prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or 35 U.S.C. § 103 to the pending independent claims, the cited references cannot render the pending dependent claims obvious. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

XXVI. Conclusion.

In view of the remarks above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain, Applicants request that Examiner Woods call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of the application.

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